special ambassador to the King He is instructed, after delivering his letters of credence, to say to the King that her Majesty hath forborne hitherto to inquire what course he meaneth to hold in the present state of his affairs, but now she findeth occasion to delay no longer sending unto him If either the King hath not fully yielded to his conversion to the Catholic religion, or hath not bound himself by promise to perform it, the ambassador shall say that her Majesty can in no wise allow or think it good before God that for any worldly respect or cunning persuasion he should yield to change his conscience and opinion in religion from the truth wherein he was brought up from his youth, and for the defence whereof he hath continued many years in arms He shall require that the King not only hear a number of reasons conceived by her Majesty to stay his resolution, but also to permit them to be communicated to his principal Catholic estates

But if in coming thither Sir Thomas Wilkes shall find that the King hath indeed been converted, nevertheless he shall show the reasons conceived by the Queen to stay his resolution, that he may understand her mind and good will towards him And though she would be grieved with his conversion, being contrary to her opinion and conscience, and indeed by good policy to be mishked, because he would become thereby subject to the Pope, who is her mortal enemy, and who might enjoin him to keep no amity with her , yet she requireth him to advertise her what she may expect thereof.

First she wisheth to know how and by what means he will be stronger in his estate by his conversion than he was before as well against his rebels, that will not be content

with his conversion, as also against the King of Spain Then shall the ambassador ask how the King meaneth to proceed to acquit Bnttany of the Spaniards, telling him that her Majesty thinketh it the principal matter of weight that he hath to take m hand after he shall be established in his crown , and is of such importance that she thinketh it more convenient for the King himself to take the same in hand, and in his own person, than to commit it to others, as hitherto

Further, the King is to understand that until some port town in Brittany be allowed to her Majesty's forces whither they may